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8. श्री एन० के० सिंह, राजस्व-विभाग से प्रधान मंत्री के कार्यालय में (रिक्त पद भरने के लिए)
9. श्री० जे० ए० चौधरी, चीनी एवं खाद्य तेल-विभाग से राजस्व-विभाग में (परिणामी रिक्त पद भरने के लिए)
10. श्री आर० पी० सिन्हा, भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग-प्राधिकरण से चीनी और खाद्य तेल-विभाग में (परिणामी रिक्त पद भरने के लिए)
11. श्री प्रबीर सेनगुप्ता, पैट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस-मंत्रालय से रक्षा-उत्पादन एवं पूर्ति-विभाग में।
12. श्री टी० एस० विजयराघवन, रक्षा-उत्पादन एवं पूर्ति-विभाग पैट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस-मंत्रालय में।
13. डॉ० एस० नारायण, कोयला-मंत्रालय से औद्योगिक विकास-विभाग एवं लोक-उद्यम-विभाग में।
14. श्री सी० आर० कमलनाथन, औद्योगिक विकास-विभाग एवं लोक-उद्यम-विभाग से गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा-स्रोत-मंत्रालय में।
15. श्री एस० एस० बोपाराय, गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा-स्रोत्-मंत्रालय से कोयला-मंत्रालय में।
16. श्री पी० एस० भटनागर, राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति एवं जनजाति-आयोग से खाद्य-प्रसंस्करण-उद्योग-मंत्रालय में।
17. श्री सी० टी० बैंजामिन, राष्ट्रीय अल्प संख्यक-आयोग से लघु-उद्योग तथा कृषि और ग्रामीण-उद्योग-विभाग में।

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18. श्री ए० वी० गोकाक, दूरसंचार-विभाग से उर्वरक-विभाग में।
19. श्री अनिल कुमार, उर्वरक-विभाग से दूरसंचार-विभाग में।

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20. श्रीमती किरण अग्रवाल, शहरी कार्य एवं रोज़गार-मंत्रालय से महिला एवं बाल-विकास-विभाग में।
21. श्री अशोक पाहवा, राजभाषा-विभाग से शहरी कार्य एवं रोजगार-मंत्रालय में।
22. श्रीमती आशा दास, महिला एवं बाल-विकास-विभाग से राजभाषा-विभाग में।
23. श्री अरविन्द वर्मा, कार्मिक, लोक-शिकायत तथा पेंशन-मंत्रालय से खान-विभाग में।
24. श्री बी० बी० टण्डन, खान-विभाग से कार्मिक, लोक-शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में।

Standard for Departmental Examination

2144. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria to fix the standard for Departmental Examination for Group-D working in various Central Government Offices;

(b) whether the final result is declared on the basis of existing vacancies in various Central Government Offices;

(c) if so, the details thereof, for the year 1996 and 1997;

(d) whether the SSC is following the prescribed norms to recruit LBC by Departmental Examination for Group-D, particularly, in respect of their number of vacancies i.e. 5% of the total vacancies of CSCS.

(e) if so, the details thereof for the year 1996 and 1997; and

(f) whether there is provision for supplementary list after final result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (e) The Departmental Examination for Group-D employees is only a qualifying examination for appointment to Clerks Grade and is not related to vecancies in various Central Government offices. Appointments are, however, made by the cadre authorities against available vacancies in accordance with the rules/ regulations framed by them in this regard. The examination is held annually by the Staff Selection Commission. In the year 1996 the examination was held on 18.8.1996 and in 1997 it was held on 7.12.1997. The SSC has

recommended 7 and 13 candidates on the basis of 1996 and 1997 examinations repsectively.

(f) No Sir.

Revision of Pay Scale of Stenographers

2145. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Arbitration have announced an 'Award' in favour of revision of pay scale of Stenographers (Grade-D) in Central Secretariat Services;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the hearing before the Board both sides are to give their written and oral arguments;

(c) whether action is being taken for implementation of the award;

(d) if so, the likely time to be taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and whether they are different from those raised before the Board, alongwith their details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Action with regard to acceptance/ rejection of the Award is being taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in the JCM scheme. As it also involves studying its impact on other cadres it will be difficult to specify a definite time limit for acceptance/ rejection of the Award.

Vacancies in CBI

2146. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI is utterly understaffed and is finding it difficult to cope with the mounting workload;

(b) the number of vacancies which existed within the Organisation as on 31st October, 1998 as also the number of cases pending investigation by CBI on this date;

(c) the steps taken to fill the existing vacancies and by which time these are likely to be filled; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the sanctioned strength of staff in CBI in accordance with the work-load and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As on October 31, 1998, 787 posts were lying vacant in the CBI and the total of pending Cases was 1808.

(c) Action for filling up has been initiated in respect of more than 700 posts. The various stages reached in the filling up process include circulation of posts, inviting applications, verification of antecedents of selected candidates and issue of appointment letters. Filling up vacant posts in the CBI often involves coordination and consultation with different agencies like UPSC, SSC, State Governments, other Ministries/Organisation etc. and, therefore, it is not possible to give a fixed time frame for it. Orders for the induction of 14 officers in the ranks of SP & above have been issued.

(d) Requests for sanction of additional posts are considered keeping in view the norms for sanction of such posts and the requirements of the Organisation. The Government has sanctioned 106 posts on December 12, 1998 for strengthening the Economic Offences Division and the Special Crimes Division of the CBI.

Instructions for replies to letters of MPs

2147. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions prescribing time limit for sending interim and final replies to letters received by Government Departments from M.Ps exist;

(b) if so, the time limit fixed for interim/ final replies;

(c) whether Government has been calling